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airtel to Miami 8/26/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth specific data which we desire to be cleared for passage by informant to "ALEJANDRO", his Cuban principal in New York. Pursuant to instructions previously issued by the Bureau under double agent program, the LHM has not been captioned.

Enclosed LHM has been classified secret to protect this double agent operation. **(S)**

Regarding informant's recent trip to the Dominican Republic (DR), complete details of this trip have been submitted by Miami letter to Bureau 8/23/66. In order to clarify certain information in this communication regarding informant's connections with MITCHELL WER BEL and Dr. LAWRENCE MITCHELL, the following is set forth:

Informant originally indicated on 7/14/66 that he planned to travel to the DR in connection with efforts of various anti-Castro groups to organize a military base in the DR. He specifically indicated that 3 anti-Castro organizations, the 13th of November, RECE and Comandos-L, were attempting to establish a base in the DR and to form a military alliance.

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there of these 3 organizations for action against FIDEL CASTRO. LUIS POSADA, who is personally acquainted with the informant and in whom CIA has an operational interest was approached to accept the position as military head of this alliance. POSADA formerly held a commission in the U. S. Army and allegedly was in a Ranger Battalion. [According to informant] POSADA was selected to head this group because of this. POSADA indicated an interest [in having informant assist him in the DR inasmuch as informant had spent considerable time aboard the "Venus", a boat which was operated by another anti-Castro group, JURE, and was familiar with the DR.] ~~Mitchell WER BEL~~

[Subsequent to above conversation, on 7/25/66, informant advised that he was personally acquainted with MITCHELL L. WER BEL, III, aka ALEX WILSON, and had spent considerable time with WER BEL in the DR. WER BEL resides at 440 Santander St., Apt. 4, Coral Gables, Fla., and holds the Latin American franchise for the newly developed Hand Weapon known as Gyro Jet Rocket, manufactured by MBA Associates, San Ramon, Calif. WER BEL is employed by Point-O-Sale, Inc., Powder Spring, Ga.]

Copies of the brochure describing this weapon were made available to the Miami Office by informant.

According to informant, WER BEL planned to travel to the DR in an attempt to interest the Dominican military in purchasing this firearm. Also traveling with WER BEL would be Dr. LAWRENCE MITCHELL, a veterinarian from Atlanta, Ga., who would attempt to sell some chemical chicken feed to the Dominican government.

In connection with this trip, WER BEL requested informant to travel with him to the DR to act as his interpreter and to introduce him to key military officers whom he might interest in his weapon. WER BEL was aware of informant's friendship with Commodore RAMON EMILIO JIMENEZ, Chief of Staff of the Dominican Navy; and Colonel JUAN FOLCH, a career officer in the Dominican Army.

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As related in Miami letter to Bureau, 8/23/66, informant traveled to the DR via CDA flight on [7/28] 66. His [S] airplane ticket and presumably his expenses, were furnished by MITCHELL WER BEL. Informant traveled alone inasmuch as [S] WER BEL and Dr. LAWRENCE MITCHELL had not yet been able to obtain visas for this trip. Informant was subsequently joined by Dr. MITCHELL in the DR but WER BEL never made the trip, since he was unable to obtain a visa. (S)

Informant advised the only anti-Castro activity [S] in which he engaged during this trip was an inventory of various arms formerly owned by JURE, when JURE had a base [S] in the DR. According to informant, responsibility for these [S] arms had rested with JOSE RABEL, former captain of the JURE boat, "Venus" until RABEL was captured in an attempt to infiltrate into Cuba. Thereafter, informant was technically responsible for this cache of firearms. His purpose of conducting this inventory was to assure himself [S] the arms were still being held intact by the Dominican military. Informant explained that Dr. LAWRENCE MITCHELL had previously loaned JOSE RABEL \$11,000 for repairs to the "Venus" and for purchase of arms and gasoline. RABEL had not repaid this money when he was captured in Cuba and [since informant felt that] it was highly doubtful that the Dominican military would release these arms [to him, he felt this was his opportunity to repay Dr. MITCHELL and also to relieve himself of responsibility of control of these arms. Accordingly, informant introduced Dr. MITCHELL to Comodore JIMINEZ and told the Comodore [he was] relinquishing control of these [S] arms to Dr. MITCHELL in order to satisfy this obligation on the part of RABEL. Informant did not indicate he was aware of any agreement reached by Dr. MITCHELL and Comodore JIMINEZ as to the disposition of the arms other than that Dr. MITCHELL indicated to the Comodore he was not interested in physical possession of the arms but only wanted to sell them to recover his money. (S)

Informant emphasized that his trip to the DR [S] did not concern the previously mentioned anti-Castro organizational activity and [that he] made no contacts in [S] this regard. The only persons cognizant of his trip [S] were WER BEL and Dr. MITCHELL and the trip was strictly for business purposes. (S)

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